

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 635
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to honor Staff Sergeant Alex W. Murray for his meritorious service to this nation and to congratulate him on his receipt of the Cargo Aircraft Technician of the Year award.

WHEREAS, our nation was founded by individuals who were willing to sacrifice themselves and put aside their personal needs and concerns in order to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, one such fine soldier and representative of this State is Staff Sergeant Alex W. Murray, United States Air Force, who was recently honored by the Air Force Association of Georgia with the Cargo Aircraft Technician of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Murray also received the Spirit of Hope Award for Robins Air Force Base, where he is stationed with the 653 CLSS; this award was given to recognize his commitment and dedication to duty and for initiative in taking on any challenge; and

WHEREAS, a 1993 graduate of Elizabethton High School, Staff Sergeant Alex Murray is the loving husband of Elizabeth Hamilton Murray and the son of Frank and Becky Murray; and

WHEREAS, a nine-year member of the Air Force, Staff Sergeant Murray is one of thousands of excellent Tennessean citizens who have continued the time-honored tradition of volunteerism and altruism through service in the U.S. Armed Forces; these individuals selflessly serve with courage and gallantry and deserve to be recognized for heroism in the line of duty and model citizenship in our American society; and

WHEREAS, intrepid men and women from Tennessee and across America are unselfishly paying the price of freedom for their friends, families, and all of us as they sacrifice their time, safety, and personal desires; as war disrupts the peace and prosperity of American life, these individuals enter the fray on our behalf, boldly and without hesitation or complaint, just as they have left behind the enduring warmth of family and home; and

WHEREAS, though we cannot adequately express our appreciation to the courageous men and women of our Armed Forces who are fighting to preserve the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor them to the full extent of our ability, as they make untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, as such, it is most fitting that we should express our admiration and gratitude to Staff Sergeant Alex W. Murray for his meritorious service to his State and country; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we specially recognize Staff Sergeant Alex W. Murray for his unparalleled and estimable service to the State of Tennessee and to the United States, congratulate him

upon his receipt of the Cargo Aircraft Technician of the Year award, and extend to him our best wishes for his continued success in every endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.